Grafton, New Hampshire

1998

Report of the Town Officers for the

Year Ending December 31, 1998

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Dedication to Louise I. Gallup

Louise Gallup was born in Danbury, NH. Since her marriage to Don Gallup in 1954, Louise has been a resident of Grafton. Don and Louise have three children ... Cynthia, Glen and Terri. The entire family is well known and respected in the town.

Louise has been involved in many activities in the town of Grafton over the years. She has been a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society for over twenty years and is presently the President. Louise has been a member of the Firemen's Auxiliary and is also the present President of the organization. Louise has been part of the Recreation Committee for more than fifteen years and remains a member today. She has served as ballot clerk for more than twenty years and all who vote will recognize her smiling face at the polls. Louise remains superintendent of the Town Hall, looking after the building and keeping a schedule of events that take place there. Louise has been a member of the Staniels Post of the American Legion Auxiliary for twenty-five years and is presently a member. She has also been a member of the Montcalm Grange for more than thirty years and is a present member of this organization also. Louise has been a member of the East Grafton Church for several years.

Louise, familiarly known as Weezie, has given her time and effort to help make Grafton a special place in which to live. We thank you, Louise, for your many years of devoted service. It is our pleasure to dedicate this town report for the year 1998 to you!

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Scott Burrington '99 Dorothy Campbell '00 Frank Neufell '01

MODERATOR

Thomas Warner '99
Bonnie Haubrich(appt)

TOWN CLERK

Mary McDow '99

TREASURER

June Burrington '99

TAX COLLECTOR

Donna Dugan '99

ROAD AGENT

Robert Bassett '00

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Gretchen Over '99 Jennie Joyce '00 Chester Martin '01

POLICE

Chief
Merle Kenyon '99

Sargent
Stephen Colburn '99

Deputy
Norman Daigneault '99

Matron
Jane Kenyon '99

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Judith Gleason '99 Eleanor Kelley '00 Elaine Sawyer '01

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Judith Gleason '99 Maureen O'Reilly '00 Deborah Hazelton '01

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Anna Huntley '00 Betty Stiles '02 Pearl Tuttle '04
Richard Williams(appt) Marguerite Conley(appt)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

John Babiarz '99 Glenn Sliker '00 Robert Bassett '01

PLANNING BOARD

Gretchen Over '99 Francis Lombardi '00 Richard Williams '00
Margaret Emslie '01

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia Senecal '99 Rosalie Babiarz '00 Catherine Mulholland '00
Bonnie Haubrich(appt) Jack Rochester(appt)

AUDITORS

Rosalie Babiarz '99 Cynthia Senecal '00

Fire Warden
Paul Gove

Fire Chief
Peter Baker

Health Officer
John Knott

Welfare Director
Marian Morse

Ambulance Captain
Kathleen Crawford

Town Hall Superintendent
Louise Gallup

Selectmen's Clerk
Betty Stiles

SUMMARY OF 1998 WARRANT ARTICLES

1. All officers duly elected.
2. Voted to pass operating budget of $553,536.
3. Voted to add to the following capital reserve funds:

New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	$15,000
Property Reappraisal Fund	10,000
Solid Waste Fund	10,000

4. Voted $30,000 for the second installment for Sargent Hill Bridge.
5. Defeated: article to purchase a new 3/4 ton pick-up for $23,460.
6. Voted to add $10,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.
7. Defeated: article to install vinyl siding on the town hall for $8,180.
8. Voted $7,000 to replace the water tank on engine #2 fire truck.
9. Defeated article to purchase a computer and software for the Selectmen's office for $4,200.
10. Voted to establish a part-time life guard/attendant for Huff Beach.
11. Defeated: article to raise $2,500 for life guard/attendant.
12. Voted to increase police chief's salary by $1,020 to compensate for his increased expenditure in the NH Retirement System.
13. Defeated: article to raise money to study electric load profile within the Town and other related research in the possibility of a NHMA Pooled Energy Plan.
14. Voted $525 to be added to the five-year non-lapsing appropriation for continuation of restoration of old records.
15. Voted to reconvey property to W. & D. Vogt, which was taken by tax deed.
16. Voted to reconvey property to J. Giaccarini, which was taken by tax deed.
17. Defeated article designating Height of Land Road as a scenic road.
18. Voted for Selectmen to enact a health regulation prohibiting land spreading of septage, etc., from any outside source until safety measures are undertaken by Selectmen.
19. Voted to rescind the three-year road agent's term and return to a one-year term. (Not a legal article this year)
20. Voted an ordinance to forbid starting new paving projects before existing ones are completed.

WARRANT FOR THE TOWN OF GRAFTON
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

1999

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Grafton in said state qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance Station in said Grafton on Saturday, the 30th day of January next at 1:00PM to discuss, debate and amend the Town budget and all warrant articles which are listed below (with the exception of Article #1 which elects officers) to vote by ballot at the Grafton Fire/Ambulance Station on Tuesday, March 9th, 1999 on elected officials and all warrant articles that are listed below.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00AM to 7:00PM

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the next year ensuing including Selectman (3 years), Town Clerk (1 year), Town Treasurer (1 year), Budget Committee (3 years), Tax Collector (3 years), Police Chief (3 Years), Moderator (1 year), Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years), Library Trustee (3 years), Auditor (2 years), Cemetery Trustee (3 years, Planning Board (3 years), Recreation Committee (two 3 year and one 2 year), and Supervisor of the Checklist (one 5 year and one 1 year).

2. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $567,690? **Amended 1/30/99 to $575,697.** Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $560,518, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Grafton or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13,*X and* XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include special warrant articles or individual articles.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Executive	$ 29,733	
Election,Registration,Town Clerk	10,850	
Financial Administration	17,865	
Reappraisal of Property	2,000	
Legal Expense	12,000	
FICA	15,000	
Planning Board	2,000	
General Government Buildings	8,220	**1/30/99**
Cemeteries	3,000	**amended to**
Insurance	40,000	**$ 43,000**
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,489	

Contingency Fund	2,000	
	$146,157	
1/30/99 amended to	**$149,157**	

PUBLIC SAFETY

		1/30/99 AMENDED TO
Police	51,028	$ 56,030.
Ambulance	13,860	
Fire	14,149	
Emergency Management	100	
Forest Fire Warden	800	
	79,037	$ 84,939.

HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Highway and Streets	223,500	
Street Lights	3,500	
	227,000	

SANITATION

Solid Waste	58,550	
	58,550	

HEALTH

Health Department	400	
Health Agency	4,175	
	4,575	

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	10,000	
	10,000	

CULTURE & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation	7,011	
Library	4,045	
Patriotic Purposes	420	
	11,476	

DEBT SERVICE

Interest on TAN	30,000	
	30,000	
GRAND TOTAL	**567,690**	**$575,697.**

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and, appropriate the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand, eight hundred and sixty dollars ($130,860) for the purchase of a fully equipped fire truck, and to authorize the withdrawal of forty-eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty dollars ($48,860) plus accrued interest to time of withdrawal from the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve

Fund and the remaining sum not to exceed eighty-two thousand dollars ($82,000) to come from general taxation, Recommended by the Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.

Amended 1/30/99 as follows: To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars ($0) for the purchase of a fully equipped fire truck.

4. In the event that article #3 does not pass, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term municipal lease-purchase agreement in the amount of eighty-two thousand dollars($82,000), payable over a term of five years to purchase a fully equipped new fire truck, to withdraw forty-eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty dollars ($48,860) plus accrued interest until time of withdrawal from the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand, two hundred and seventy dollars($18,270) for the first year's payment. (Total cost of the fire truck being $130,860) (2/3 ballot vote required) Recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.

Amended 1/30/99 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term municipal loan agreement in the amount of eighty-two thousand dollars, payable over a term of five years to purchase a fully equipped new fire truck, to withdrawal forty-eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty dollars ($48,460) plus accrued interest until time of withdrawal from the New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand, two hundred ,and seventy dollars($18,270)for the first year's payment. (Total cost of the fire truck being $130,860.)(2/3-vote ballot required) Recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by Budget Committee.

5. In the event that article three and article four do not pass, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be added to the already established New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Amended 1/30/99 as follows: In the event that article four does not pass, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to be added to the already established New Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand, nine hundred and seven dollars ($70,907) for the purchase of a 1999 International dump truck with a nine yard body and plow equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty-two thousand dollars ($32,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, receive fifty-eight hundred dollars ($5,800) on a trade-in of the 1987 dump truck with sander, plow frame and wing block and the remaining thirty-eight thousand, nine hundred and seven dollars($38,907) to be raised by general taxation. Not recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

7. In the event that article six does not pass, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be added to the already established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) which will be the last of three installments to raise the currently estimated town's share of ninety-thousand dollars($90,000) to replace bridge # 173/078 on Sargent Hill Road. The total estimated cost is $450,000 with the Federal and State's share being $360,000 and the Town's share $90,000. This is a five year non-lapsing appropriation. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) to be added to the already established capital reserve funds as follows:

Solid Waste	$ 5,000.
Property Reappraisal	$ 10,000

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

IO. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a twenty-four month lease purchase agreement in the amount of sixteen thousand, eight hundred and seventy-six dollars ($16,876) payable over a twenty-four month term to purchase a 1996 Jeep Cherokee Police vehicle and to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand, five hundred and twenty-five dollars ($8,525) for the first year's payment for that purpose.(2/3 ballot vote required.) Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

11. In the event that article ten does not pass, to see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be placed in this fund. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars ($8,250) for the purpose of installing a metal roof on the Fire/Ambulance Station. Recommended by Selectmen and by Budget Committee.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars ($1,250) to purchase a computer for the Selectmen's office. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars ($4,950) for the purchase of municipal software for the selectmen's office to do the blotter book and tax billing. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a new ambulance and to raise and appropriate the sum of five dollars ($5,000) to be placed in this fund. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) for the purpose of purchasing a radio for the police cruiser. Recommended by Selectmen and, not recommended by Budget Committee.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars ($2,750) for the installation of the New Hampshire Town Clerk and Motor Vehicle Software System. (By petition) Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars($2,000) for recreation field equipment and field improvement. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars ($1,250) for the purpose of scraping and painting the library trim and for repair work on the windows where needed. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars($500) for the purpose of giving the Tax Collector a raise. (By petition) Recommended by Selectmen, and not recommended by Budget Committee.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars($500) for the purpose of giving the Town Clerk a raise. (By petition) Not recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal of $20,323.48 plus accrued interest from the Recreation Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing said shelter, no additional funds required from general taxation. (by petition) Not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee.

Amended 1/30/99 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal of zero dollars ($0) plus accrued interest from the Recreation Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing said shelter; no additional funds required from general taxaton. (by petition)

23. To see if the Town will change the purpose of the Recreation Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987 and withdraw the remaining funds of $20,323.48 plus accrued interest until time of withdrawal, for the purpose of construction of a Community Recreation Center with the funds to be administered by the Friends of the Grafton Community Center Building. (By petition) (2/3 ballot vote required) Not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee.

Amended 1/30/99 as follows: To see If the Town will change the purpose of the Recreation Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund created in 1987, and withdraw the remaining funds of zero dollars ($0) plus no interest until time of withdrawal, for the purpose of construction of a Community Recreation Center with the funds to be administered by the Friends of the Grafton Community, a tax-exempt organization formed for the sole purpose of erecting the Community Center Building. (By petition) (2/3 ballot vote required)

24. To see if the Town will approve the construction of a Community Recreation Center on land adjacent to the Town Offices as designated by the Board of Selectmen in 1997. (by petition) Petition Note: The article which established the Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of a recreation building in 1987 read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing a shelter at the recreation field and to raise and appropriate the sum of $ 2,500 to be placed in this fund. Recommended by Selectmen.

Amended 1/30/99 as follows: To see if the Town will approve of the construction of a Community Recreation Center on land adjacent to the Town Offices as designated by the Board of Selectmen in 1997. (By petition)

25. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article #19 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting Warrant dated March 16,1996, thus reverting the term of Road Agent to a 1 year term per RSA 231:62. (By petition) Not recommended by Selectmen,

26. To see if the Town will vote to repeal SB2, (Australian Ballot) voted in by the Town at the annual meeting In March 1996, thereby returning to the traditional Town Meeting. (to take effect at annual meeting year 2000) (By petition) (2/3 vote required) Recommended by Selectmen.

Note: The wording on the ballot question will be as required by statute as follows: "Shall we rescind the adoption of provisions of RSA 40:13 which allowed official ballot voting on all issues before the Town Meeting so that the use of the official ballot is limited to election of officers and certain others questions?" (By petition) (3/5 ballot vote required).

27. To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article #25 of the 1987 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, thus abolishing the Critical Resource Protection Ordinance which was drawn up by the Planning Board (By petition) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Amended 1/30/99 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article #25 of the Grafton Town Warrant as voted on and approved at Town Meeting on March 12,1988, thus abolishing the Critical Resource Protection Ordinance

which was drawn up by town counsel and proposed by the Planning Board. (By petition) Recommended by Selectmen.

28. To see if the town will vote to repeal the ban on consumption of alcohol on town property (By petition) Not recommended by Selectmen.

29. To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article #24 of the 1987 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, thus abolishing the Building Notification Ordinance (We would go back to the letter form of notification for renovations and new construction, plus we have the Annual Inventory Form for reporting.) (By petition) Not recommended by Selectmen.

30. To see if the Town will vote to establish a seven member committee to evaluate and report back to the Town concerning the current state and future possibilities of public education in the Town of Grafton. Each selectman would appoint two committee members and the committee would have no separate budget. The seventh member would be one of the board of selectmen. (By petition) Recommended by Selectmen

31. To see if the Town will vote to retain a parcel of land taken by deed, recorded June, 1996 (located on Route 4A, Map 14. Lot 1218 and being approximately 3 acres) for possible Town use in the future. Recommended by Selectmen.

32. To see if the Town will vote to retain a parcel of land taken by tax deed and recorded December 12,1994 (located on Mill Brook Rd, Map 7, Lot 844 and being approximately 45 acres) for possible Town use in the future. Recommended by Selectmen.

33. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 80:80, to authorize the Selectmen to convey real estate liens or property acquired in default of redemption of tax liens by sealed bid, public auction or in such manner as justice may require. This authority shall continue indefinitely until rescinded by future action of the Town Meeting. Recommended by Selectmen.

Given under our hands and seal the 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen-hundred and ninety-nine.

Scott M.Burrington
Dorothy M. Campbell
Frank J. Neufell
Selectmen of Grafton
A true copy of Warrant--Attest

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN
GRAFTON,NH - 1999

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures	Selectmen's Appropriations Recommended	Not Recom-mended	Budget Committee Appropriations Recommended	Not Recom-mended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive	28,468	25,648	29,733		29,733	
Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	11,260	11,694	10,850		10,850	
Financial Administration	17,415	16,410	18,415		17,865	550
Revaluation of Property	2,000	1,710	2,000		2,000	
Legal Expense	15,000	14,851	18,000		12,000	6,000
Personnel Administration FICA	12,000	12,215	15,000		15,000	
Planning & Zoning	1,000	825	1,075	925	2,000	
General Government Buildings	8,820	6,513	8,455		8,220	235
Cemeteries	3,600	2,830	3,600		3,000	600
Insurance	48,983	36,390	53,383		40,000	13,383
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,423	3,363	3,489		3,489	
Contingency Fund	2,000	-	2,000		2,000	
Other General Government						
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	50,008	51,955	56,030		51,028	5,002
Ambulance	11,125	11,101	13,860		13,860	
Fire	14,848	13,395	14,149		14,149	
Emergency Management	200	-	200		100	100
Other Fire Warden	800	867	800		800	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
Highways & Streets	223,500	214,736	223,500		223,500	
Street Lighting	3,500	3,210	3,500		3,500	
SANITATION						
Solid Waste Disposal	48,000	52,012	58,550		58,550	
HEALTH/WELFARE						
Administration	400	300	400		400	
Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	4,175	4,175	4,175		4,175	
Administration & Direct Assist.	10,000	3,894	10,000		10,000	
CULTURE & RECREATION						
Parks & Recreation	5,811	5,809	8,361		7,011	1,350
Library	4,112	2,994	4,045		4,045	

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN
GRAFTON,NH - 1999

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures	Selectmen's Appropriations Recommended	Not Recom-mended	Budget Committee Appropriations Recommended	Not Recom-mended
Patriotic Purposes	50	8	420		420	
DEBT SERVICE						
Int.on Tax Anticipation Notes	29,000	25,131	30,000		30,000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
To Capital Projects Fund Bridge	30,000		30,000		30,000	
To Capital Reserve Fund	45,000	45,000	50,000		50,000	
SUBTOTAL	634,498	567,036	673,990	925	647,695	27,220
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
Engine #2 Tanker Repair	7,900	7,900	0	0	0	0
Fire Truck	0	0	82,000	0	0	82,000
New Fire Truck	0	0	18,270	0	0	18,270
1999 Dump Truck	0	0	0	38,907	0	38,907
1996 Jeep Police Vehicle	0	0	8,525	0	8,525	8,525
Town Clerk Software	0	0	2,750	0	2,750	0
Police Chief Raise	1,020	1,020	0	0	0	0
Restoration of Town Records	525	0	0	0	0	0
Fire/Amb. Roof	0	0	8,250	0.00	8,250.00	0.00
Selectmen's Computer	0	0	1,250	0.00	1,250.00	0.00
Selectmen's Computer Software	0	0	4,950	0	4,950	0
Police Cruiser Radio	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
Tax Collector Raise	0	0	500	0	0	500
Town Clerk Raise	0	0	0	500	0	500
Rec. Field Shelter	0	0	0	20,328.48	0.00	20,328.48
Comm. Rec. Center	0	0	0	20,328.48	0.00	20,328.48
Recreation Field Equip./Improve.	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0
Library Repair	0	0	1,250	0	1,250	0
	XXXXX	XXXXX	134,745	XXXXX	28,975	XXXXX

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	2,540	2,540	
Timber Taxes	18,000	18,617	15,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000	44,972	40,000
Excavation Activity Tax			1,800
LICENSES, PERMITS& FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	80,000	97,653	95,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,500	3,793	3,500
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	4,872	4,976	5,000
Meals & Room Tax Distrib.	14,276	14,276	10,000
Highway Block Grant	100,803	100,803	99,024
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		307	150
Other (Including Railroad Tax & Gas Tax)	778	952	750
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	331	331	331
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	28,500	31,055	10,000
Interest on Investments	22,000	24,813	20,000
Refunds	2,400	8,140	2,500
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
From Trust and Agency Funds		1,500	1,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	319,000	354,728	304,555

BUDGET SUMMARY	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Subtotal 1 Appropriations Recommended(pg 5)	673,990	647,695
Subtotal 2 Spec al Warrant Articles Recommended (pg 6)	112,045	11,275
Subtotal 3 Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (pg 10)	22,700	17,700
Total Apropriations Recommended	808,735	676,670
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (col 6)	304,555	304,555
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	504,180	372,115

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

TAXES	
Land Use Change Tax	2,540
Timber Tax	18,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000
LICENSES, PERMITS,& FEES	
Motor Vehicles Permit Fees	80,000
Other Licenses , Permits & Fees	4,500
State of New Hampshire	
Shared Revenues	4,872
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	14,276
Highway Block Grant	100,803
Other	778
FROM OTHER GOVERMENTS CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
Income from Departments	331
MISCELLANCEOUS REVENUES	
Sale of Municipal Property	28,500
Interest on Investments	22,000
Other - Refunds	2,400
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
From Trust & agency Funs	1,500
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES	320,500
Unreserved Fund Balance	229,843
Fund Balance Retained	229,843
Requested Overlay (RAS76:6)	18,000

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION MS-1

	Assessed Valuation	Totals
VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
Current Use(15,146 acres)	1,068,600	
Residential (10,948 acres)	21,678,150	
Total of Taxable Land		22,746,750
Tax Exemption & Non-Taxable	489,500	
VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
Residential	26,540,350	
Manufactured	114,750	
Total of Taxable Building		26,655,100
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	789,900	
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	1,107,373	
Valuation Before Exemptions		50,509,223
Elderly Exemptions (13)		200,200
Net Valuation on which tax is computed		50,309,223

STATEMENT OF APROPIATION
TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1998

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	28,468
Electing, Reg. & Vital Statistics	11,260
Financial Administration	17,415
Revaluation of Property	2,000
Legal Expense	15,000
Personnel Administration	12,000
Planning & Zoning	1,000
General Government Buildings	8,820
Cemeteries	3,423
Insurance	48,983
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,423
Other General Government	2,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	51,028
Ambulance	11,125
Fire	14,848
Emergency Management	200
Other Public Safety	800
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	
Highways and Streets	223,500
Bridges	30,000
Street Lighting	3,500
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Disposal	48,000
HEALTH	
Administration	400
Health Agencies, Hospitals, & Other	4,175
WELFAR	
Administration & Direct Assistance	10,000
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Parks & Recreation	5,811
Library	4,112
Patriotic Purposes	50
DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	29,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment	7,500
Improvements other than Buildings	525
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
To Capital Reserve Fund	45,000
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	643,943

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES FOR 1998

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	APPRO-PRIATION	REIMBURSE-MENTS & RECEIPTS	TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	EXPEN-DITURES	UN-EXPENDED BALANCE	OVER DRAFT
Executive	28,468		28,468	25,648	2,820	
Elect,Reg & Town Clerk	11,260		11,260	11,694		434
Financial Administration	17,415		17,415	16,410	1,005	
Revaluation of Property	2,000		2,000	1,710	290	
Legal Expense	15,000		15,000	14,851	149	
FICA	12,000		12,000	12,215		215
Planning Board	1,000		1,000	809	191	
General Gov't Buildings	8,820		8,820	6,513	2,307	
Cemeteries	3,600		3,600	2,830	770	
Insurance	48,983		48,983	36,390	12,593	
Advertising & Reg.Assoc	3,423		3,423	3,363	60	
Contingency Fund	2,000		2,000		2,000	
Police Department	51,028		51,028	52,975		1,947
Ambulance Department	11,125		11,125	11,101	24	
Fire Department	14,848		14,848	13,395	1,453	
Forest Fire Control	800		800	867		67
Emergency Management	200		200		200	
Highways & Streets	223,500		223,500	214,736	8,764	
Street Lighting	3,500		3,500	3,210	290	
Solid Waste Disposal	48,000		48,000	52,012		4,012
Health Department	400		400	300	100	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES FOR 1998

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	APPRO-PRIATION	REIMBUR-SEMENTS & RECEIPTS	TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	EXPEN-DITURES	UN-EXPENDED BALANCE	OVER DRAFT
Health Agency	4,175		4,175	4,175		
Welfare	10,000		10,000	3,894	6,106	
Recreation	5,811		5,811	5,809	2	
Library	4,112		4,112	2,994	1,118	
Patriotic Purposes	50		50	8	42	
Interest on TAN	29,000		29,000	25,131	3,869	
Restoration/Old Records	525	28	553		553	
Capital Reserve Funds	45,000		45,000	45,000		
Bridge 173/078	30,000	30,000	60,000		60,000	
Bridge 151/073		31,321	31,321		31,321	
Dry Hydrants		4,950	4,950	2,264	2,686	
GFD Water Holding Tank	7,900		7,900	7,900		
FEMA	34,755		34,755	34,755		
TOTAL	678,698	66,299	744,997	612,959	138,713	6,675

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This certifies Rosalie and Cynthia have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Cemetery accounts and Recreation accounts.

Rosalie and Cynthia have again this year volunteered their time, 40-hours each, to accomplish the complete review.

During that time, they verified that all receipts and disbursements have been properly handled and that all procedures are being followed correctly.

We find these accounts correctly cast and properly vouched to the best of our knowledge.

Cynthia L. Senecal
Rosalie T. Babiarz
Auditors

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The Town received $1,300.39 of trust fund interest income for cemetery care and $118.18 for the purchase of books for the Town Library.

The following additions to capital reserve funds were voted at Town meeting:

Additions to Capital Reserve Funds were as follows:

Tax Reappraisal	$10,000
Highway Equipment	$10,000
Solid Waste	$10,000
New Fire Truck	$15,000

Interest from the Kilton Doctor Fund was expended as follows:

$1,285 Medical Expense reimbursement of $15 each to 86 Grafton residents

$1,500 Reimbursement of Grafton's per capita payment to Mascoma Home Health Services

The Trustees of Trust Funds meet at the Town Offices. Town residents may present the Trustees with receipted bills for medical, dental, or eye treatment at these monthly meetings or may mail a self-addressed-stamped-envelope to Trustees of Trust Fund, PO Box 299, Grafton, NH 03240. The Kilton Doctor Fund provides for reimbursement up to a maximum of $15 per person. No bills will be received between December and February meetings. Bills dated after the last December meeting will be accepted at the February meeting and paid for the ensuing year.

Judy Gleason 1999
Eleanor Kelley 2000
Elaine Sawyer 2001

FUND	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 1/98	RECEIVED 1998	EXPENDED 1998	BALANCE 12/98	INCOME BALANCE 1/98	RECEIVED 1998	EXPENDED 1998	BALANCE 12/98	GRAND TOTAL PRIN/INC
Kilton Fund	47,228.90	10,242.49	0.00	57,471.39	52,001.68	2,094.78	2,785.00	51,311.42	108,782.81
Cemetery Funds	43,750.07	5,763.30	0.00	49,513.37	13,124.23	1,300.39	0.00	14,424.62	63,937.99
Library Funds	5,271.55	566.33	0.00	5,837.88	0.00	118.18	118.18	0.00	5,837.88
Captial Reserve Funds									
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Funds	20,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	2,159.75	1,493.67	0.00	3,653.42	33,653.42
Bridge Fund Capital Reserve Funds	40,577.69	0.00	0.00	40,577.69	9,273.44	2,578.98	0.00	11,852.42	52,430.11
Tax Reappraisal Fund Capital Reserve Funds	17,210.00	10,000.00	0.00	27,210.00	1,207.29	1,322.30	0.00	2,529.59	29,739.59
Solid Waste Fund Capital Reserve Funds	30,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	19,141.10	3,067.52	0.00	22,208.62	62,208.62
Recreation Shelter Capital Reserve Funds	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	5,323.48	1,213.10	0.00	6,536.58	21,536.58
Fire Department Truck	30,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	3,042.05	2,273.78	0.00	5,315.81	50,315.81
									$428,442.81

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1998

SELECTMEN:	
Sale of Town Property	30,279.58
Refunds	8,139.92
Fees & Permits	1,133.64
Sale of History Books	495.00
Timber Bond	440.00
Planning Board Bond	1.00
Rent Of Town Property	330.00
Perpetual Care	200.00
TOTAL	$ 41,019.14
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:	
Highway Block Grant	100,802.93
FEMA Ice Damage	34,755.00
FEMA Flood Damage	23,140.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	14,276.28
Revenue Sharing	20,136.53
OAA Refund	778.22
Refund Fire Training	306.62
Refund Gas Tax	951.66
TOTAL	$ 195,147.24
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:	
Refund Visiting Nurse Alliance	1,500.00
TREASURER:	
Transfer Money Market	967,966.00
Checking Account Interest	460.59
TOTAL	$ 968,426.59
BALANCE JANUARY 1,1998	50,660.29
RECEIVED FROM:	
Tax Collector	1,073,706.06
Town Clerk	102,121.82
Selectmen	41,019.14
State of New Hampshire	195,147.24
Treasurer	968,426.59
Trustee of Trust Funds	1,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1998	$ 2,432,581.14
LESS SELECTMEN'S ORDERS PAID	($2,173,699.35)
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,1998	$ 258,881.79

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1998

RECEIVED FROM:

TAX COLLECTOR: Donna Dugan

Property Tax 1998	639,779.24
Property Tax 1997	270,698.78
Property Tax Interest 1997	14,513.74
Property Tax 1996	29,368.37
Property Tax Interest 1996	6,749.01
Property Tax 1995	56,298.70
Property Tax Interest 1995	22,918.83
Yield Tax 1998	18,617.80
Yield Tax Interest 1998	19.62
Yield Tax 1997	8,930.26
Yield Tax Interest 1997	770.68
Current Use Change Tax	2,540.00
Current Use Fee	17.32
Overpayments	2,483.71
TOTAL	$1,073,706.06

TOWN CLERK: Maureen O'Reilly

Auto Permits	14,939.00
Titles Autos	84.00
Dog Licenses	37.00
UCCLS	274.00
Pole Petitions	60.00
Federal Tax Liens	30.00
Marriage Licenses	90.00
Filing Fees	10.00
U.C.C. Search	5.00
Election Recount	30.00
TOTAL	$ 15,559.00

TOWN CLERK: Mary McDow

Auto Permits	82,714.00
Titles Autos	330.00
Dog Licenses	1,772.50
Dog Penalties	221.00
Marriage Licenses	225.00
UCCLS	1,052.00
U. C. C. Search	20.00
Refund Postage	0.32
Pole Petitions	30.00
Municipal Fees	82.00
Certified Copies	114.00
State Primary Registration	2.00
TOTAL	$ 86,562.82

TREASURER'S REPORT 1998

HOUSING PROGRAM

PAYMENTS

U.V.L.S.R.P.C	34,664.38
Joseph Butterfield	30,730.00
Phelps Construction	11,000.00
Zani Construction	8,600.00
Andy & Sons	6,545.00
Green Mountain Well	5,445.00
Hurley Electric	4,533.30
John Johnson	4,100.00
Cote & Reney Lumber Co.	2,783.59
Iron Horse Roofing	2,700.00
Field & Sons	2,085.50
Lilypond Manufactured Housing	1,371.06
Christopher Rollins	1,000.00
Northeast Septic Design	735.00
Shirley Dodge	629.46
Jeff Johnston	500.00
Dale's Homes	473.00
Registrar of Deeds	214.32
McDow Salvage	200.00
Richard Thayer	146.64
Green Mountain Propane	126.00
TOTAL $ 118,582.25	

BALANCE JANUARY 1,1998	50,722.25
DEPOSITS 1998	72,513.00
TOTAL $ 123,235.25	
TOTAL OF PAYMENTS	(118,582.25)
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,1998	$ 4,653.00

RECREATION COMMITTEE

PAYMENTS

Telestar Fireworks	1,000.00
Robert Dorley	450.00
Your Hometown Messenger	220.00
Cynthia Senecal	177.65
Country Chronicle	100.00
Christopher Jukosky	100.00
Change 4th July	100.00
Bonnie Haubrich	64.89
Darren Farnsworth	50.00
Louise Gallup	24.99
Grafton Vol.Fire Dept.	20.00
Postmaster of Grafton	12.00
TOTAL	2,319.53

BALANCE JANUARY 1,1998	2,107.25
Deposits 1998	3,272.27
TOTAL	$ 6,379.62
Payments	$ (2,319.53)
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,1998	$ 3,059.99

TREASURER'S REPORT 1998

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:

Tax Loan	400,000.00
Certificate of Deposit	400,000.00
Interest Earned Certificate	10,091.76
Interest Earned Money Market	14,261.40
TOTAL	$ 824,353.16

Balance January 1,1998	339,329.34
Deposits 1998	824,353.16
TOTAL	$1,163,682.50
Transfer To Checking Account	(967,966.00)
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,1998	$ 195,716.50

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT:

Tax Loan	400,000.00
Interest Earned	10,091.76
Total Transferred to Money Market	(410,091.76)
BALANCE DECEMBER 31,1998	$ 0.00

RAILS-TRAILS
PAYMENTS

Becron	2,800.00
Anthony Jukosky	1,701.15
Cote & Reney Lumber	1,441.75
Albert Decato	103.63
A. M. Leonard	93.70
Canaan Hardware	35.00
TOTAL	$ 6,175.23

Balance January 1,1998	2,500.00
Deposits 1998	5,329.00
TOTAL	$ 7,829.00
Payments	(6,175.23)
Balance December 31,1998	$ 1,653.77

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1998

	DEBITS	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR	**Levy 1998**	**PRIOR LEVIES 1997**
PROPERTY TAXES		231,978.62
YIELD TAXES		8,930.26
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR	**1998**	**1997**
PROPERTY TAXES	1,420,565.40	457.72
LAND USE CHANGE	2,540.00	
Yield Taxes	22,739.75	
OVERPAYMENT		
PROPERTY TAXES	2,483.71	
COLLECT.INT.-LATE TAXES	36.94	12,620.12
TOTAL DEBITS	1,448,365.80	253,986.72

	CREDITS	
REMITTED TO TREASURER:	**Levy for Year of this Report**	**PRIOR LEVIES 1997**
PROPERTY TAXES	639,779.24	90,520.85
LAND USE CHANGE	2,540.00	
YIELD TAXES	18,617.80	8,930.26
INTEREST	36.94	12,620.12
COVERSION TO LIEN		140,799.81
ABATEMENTS MADE:	**1998**	**1997**
PROPERTY TAXES	762.43	484.23
Yield Taxes	768.00	
DEFERRED TAX		631.45
OVERPAYMENTS	2,483.71	
CURRENT LEVY DEED	1,305.04	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - YEAR END		
PROPERTY TAXES	778,718.69	
YIELD TAXES	3,353.95	
TOTAL CREDITS	1,448,365.80	253,986.72

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1998

	DEBITS	PRIOR	LEVIES
	1997 LEVY	1996	1995
UNREDEEMED LIENS -BEG.OF YEAR		105,719.49	59,672.44
LIENS EXECUTED DURING YEAR	154,136.90		
INTEREST & COST COLLECTED (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	2,544.27	6,869.04	22,918.83
TOTAL DEBITS	156,681.17	112,588.53	82,591.27

	CREDITS		
REMITTED TO TREASURER:		1996	1995
REDEMPTIONS	39,270.26	29,476.23	56,298.70
INTEREST & COSTS COLLECTED (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	2,544.27	6,869.04	22,918.44
ABATEMENTS OF UNREDEEMED TAXES			
LIENS DEEDED TO MUNICIPALITY	1,408.88	4,410.15	3,374.13
UNREDEEMED LIENS BAL. END OF YEAR	113,457.76	71,833.11	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	156,681.17	112,588.53	82,591.27

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION Municipal
Services Division
Concord, NH 03302-0487
1998 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN OF GRAFTON				Tax Rates
Appropriations	643,943			
Less: Revenues	(320,500)			
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,976)			
Add: Overlay	18,047			
War Service Credits	9,700			
Net Town Appropriation		346,214		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort			346,214	
Municipal Tax Rate				6.88
SCHOOL PORTION				
Due to Local School	0			
Due to Regional school	1,011,306			
Less: Shared Revenues	(9,541)			
Net School Appropriation		1,001,765		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort			1,001,765	
School(s) Tax Rate County Portion				19.91
COUNTY PORTION				
Due to County	83,060			
Less: Shared Revenues	(748)			
Net County Appropriation		82,312		
Special Adjustment		0		
Approved County Tax Effort			82,312	
County Tax Rate				1.64
COMBINED TAX RATE				28.43
Total Property Taxes Assessed			1,430,291	
Less: War Service Credits			(9,700)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)			0	
Total Property Tax Commitment			1,420,591	

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
50,309,223	28.43	1,430,291

SOLID WASTE

Allstate Polyethylene	plastic bags	206.00
Arrow Equipment Waste	oil burner ser.	284.50
AT&T	phone	67.41
Bell Atlantic/Nynex	phone	375.71
Bernie's Fast Tracks	repairs..	37.00
Ellis, Lester	trash removal	1,000.00
Fire Security Services	update fire ext.	6.00
Frank's Services	dozer work	220.00
Grafton General Store	gas	23.38
Grinley, Edward	wages	7,844.23
Grinley, Edward	mileage	55.35
Hermann Fisher	supplies	102.00
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	gas	6.00
Jewell Resources, Inc	tire removal	1,982.80
Joyce, Wesley Sr.	wages	3,944.94
Lift Truck	repairs	208.40
Northeast Waste Services	hauling/tipping	30,309.98
Northeast Waste Services	paper processing	345.13
Public Service Co. of NH	electric	1,123.67
RP Johnson & Son	supplies	49.62
Sabil & Son	filter	12.21
Smith, Scott	wages	3,608.52
Treasurer, State of NH	decals(99.05)	
	Certification (100.00)	199.05
	TOTAL	$52,011.90

WELFARE

Bell Atlantic/Nynex	phone	385.95
Morse, Marian	salary	1,000.00
Morse, Marian	mileage	23.40
NHMA	workshop subscription	42.00
Staples Credit Plan	literature rack	76.99
Case #1		128.90
Case #2		5.00
Case #3		810.00
Case #4		548.95
Case #5		198.96
Case #6		474.11
Case #7		200.00
	TOTAL	$ 3,894.26

SUMMER ROADS

Albrecht, Steven	wages	$ 8,839.98
Alltex	uniforms	828.70
Bassett, Robert	salary	14,999.92
Carroll Concrete	cement blocks	180.00
Cote & Reney Lumber	bridge planks	212.80
Evans Motor Fuels	diesel fuel	3,097.23
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	gas	680.81
Hill, Dennis	wages	10,767.37
Jalbert, Paul	wages	180.00
Kibby Equipment	grader blades	1,053.55
Phelps Construction	gravel	1,853.75
Provencal, Edward	wages	6,825.09
Rumney Sand & Gravel	crusher service	13,750.00
USA's, Paul	grave	8,416.25
USA's, Paul	pit rental	1,200.00
	TOTAL	$72,885.45

WINTER ROADS

Albrecht, Steven	wages	$ 9,644.05
Alltex	uniforms	766.90
Bassett, Robert	salary	15,000.08
BB Chain CO	chains	1,209.00
Bentley, John	brush clean up	7,658.41
Evans Motor Fuels	diesel fuel	5,307.43
Frank's Services	bulldozer work	760.00
Granite State Mineral	salt	3,301.04
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	gas	1,040.69
Hill, Dennis	wages	12,094.54
Jalbert, Paul	wages	4,152.30
Muncie's Superior Inc	anti-freeze	179.00
Provencal, Edward	wages	5,804.00
Williams, Richard	winter sand	6,090.00
	TOTAL	$73,007.44

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Canaan Hardware	supplies	$ 17.00
Ellis, Lester	mowing	798.00
Fire Security Services	update fire ext.	19.00
Irving Oil Corporation	fuel oil	620.00
Jerry's Vac Shack	vacuum	169.95
Larry & Bob	front steps	675.00
Public Service CO of NH	electric	759.33
R.P. Johnson & Son	supplies	44.37
Stiles, Betty	supplies	39.29
	TOTAL	$ 3,141.94

TOWN HALL

Bell Atlantic/Nynex	phone	$ 389.85
Butterfield, Joseph	window replacement	747.00
Dick's Floor Sanding	floor repairs	200.00
Ellis, Lester	mowing	402.00
Fire Security Services	update fire ext.	19.00
Gallup, Louise	plowing/supplies	90.00
Gallup, Louise	superintendent	300.00
Irving Oil	fuel oil	620.00
Public Service Co of NH	electric	519.56
Stone, Dennis	stove repair	30.00
Wallace Propane	propane	53.30
	TOTAL	$ 3,370.71
	GRAND TOTAL	$ 6,512.65

FICA

Social Security		$ 9,609.13
Medicare		2,605.92
	TOTAL	$12,215.05

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alan's Signs	sign	130.00
AT&T	phone	178.15
Bell Atlantic/Nynex	phone	1,956.17
Brownie's Auto Parts	parts	49.20
Canaan Hardware	supplies	31.23
Cardigan Vet. Clinic	animal care	178.50
Coen, Timothy	security	68.00
Colburn, Stephen	salary	3,681.00
Daigneault, Norman	wages	2,954.02
Evans Motor Fuels	diesel	278.19
Fire Security Services	extinguisher update	6.00
Gall's Inc.	Blazer equipment	175.63
Grafton Cty Sheriff	dispatch	3,503.00
Grafton General Store	gas	757.42
Grafton General Store	supplies	3.99
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	gas	618.54
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	repairs	2,305.10
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	propane	70.00
Kenyon, Jane	wages	16.00
Kenyon, Merle	reimb./supplies	111.29
Kenyon, Merle	salary	28,020.00
Lehman, Kenneth	parts	100.00
Lexis Law Publishing	RSA updates	500.17
Liberty Rock Country	supplies	35.27
Melnick's	gear	66.00
Neptune Uniforms, Inc	uniforms	232.50
Neily, Steven	security	68.00
NFI	workshop	80.00
NHCI	supplies	164.51
NH Retirement Systems	pension plan	1,055.99
Ossipee Mt. Electronics	repairs	301.58
Phillip Noyes Co	parts	62.00
Postmaster of Grafton	postage	12.00
Public Service Co.NH	electric	242.82
Robie, Roger	transmission	345.00
Saffo, Lara	legal services	563.50
Shaker Valley Auto Parts	parts	11.93
Staples	supplies	174.57
State of NH	reference books	90.50
Treasurer, State of NH	supplies, computer	
Radar tests	training	200.00
Wallace Propane	service, propane	383.59
Ware, Andrew.	firearm training	200.00
Wave Comm Paging	paging service	84.00
Welch's Gun Shop	supplies	69.50
Wild Meadow Auto body	repairs	855.00
Wild Meadow Machine	welding	16.00
Wilson, Ellen-Marie	wages	738.00
UV Humane Society	animal care	1,231.00
	TOTAL	$52,974.86

CUTTING BRUSH		
Owens Leasing Co	rental of mower	1,000.00
	TOTAL	$ 1,000.00
PATCHING & OILING		
Blaktop, Inc	hot top/cold patch	3,145.27
Blaktop, Inc	paving Slab City	27,018.68
Blaktop, Inc	paving Wild Meadow	6,781.86
	TOTAL	$ 36,945.81
FEMA MONIES		
John Bentley	brush removal	34,341.59
Portland Glass	windshield	413.41
	TOTAL	34,755.00
SCHOOL		
Mascoma School District		923,064.48
	TOTAL	$923,064.48
STREET LIGHTS		
NH Electric Cooperative		327.33
Public Service Co/NH		2,883.12
	TOTAL	$ 3,210.45
INSURANCE		
Comp Funds of NH	workers' comp	1,084.89
Comp Funds of NH	workers' comp'97audit	1,183.00
Comp Funds of NH	unemploym't comp	382.48
Comp Funds of NH	unemploym't comp'97audit	28.36
Health Ins Trust	health insurance	15,134.12
NHMA-PLT	prop./liable/fleet	18,577.00
	TOTAL	$ 36,389.85
LIBRARY		
Bell Atlantic/Nynex	phone	416.44
Fire Security Services	fire ext. update	16.00
Gove, Mary L	wages	2,048.22
Gove, Paul	custodian	200.00
Irving Oil	fuel oil	124.00
Public Service Co. of NH	electric	189.80
	TOTAL	$ 2,994.46

RECREATION

Bishop, Anthony	security	68.00
Canaan Hardware	supplies	15.00
C&F's Chemical Toilets	rentals	858.00
Farnsworth, Darien	tent rental	300.00
Green Mountain Canopy	canopy etc	327.00
Merriam Graves	rental	45.00
Oriental Trading Co. Inc	supplies	151.75
Public Service Co. of NH	electric	158.06
Sullivan, Brian	mowing	1,200.00
Telestar Display Fireworks, Inc.		2,650.00
Treasurer, State of NH	water tests	36.00
	TOTAL	$ 5,808.81

REFUNDS

Bank error	.02
Tax refunds	2,742.70
Overpayments	330.07
Motor vehicle refund	289.00
TOTAL	$ 3,361.79

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council	1,275.00
Listen, Inc	470.00
NH Assoc. of Assessing Officials	20.00
NH Association of Chiefs of Police	75.00
NH City & Town Clerks' Association	20.00
NH Health Officer's Association	10.00
NH Government Finance Officer's Assoc.	25.00
NH Local Welfare Admin. Association	25.00
NH Municipal Association	500.00
NH Road Agent's Association	20.00
NH Tax Collector's Association	15.00
Northeast Resource Recovery Association	50.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Council	858.00
TOTAL	$ 3,363.00

LEGAL

Crean, Daniel	attorney	2,266.64
Koury, Donald	attorney	84.00
Legal Settlement	legal settlement	12,500.00
	TOTAL	$14,850.64

PLANNING BOARD

Canaan Hardware	supplies	2.00
Emslie, Margaret	reimb.workshop	16.00
Grafton Cty Register	recordings deed	26.00
Martin, Lord & Osman	reference book	30.00
NHMA	workshop	150.00
Over, Gretchen	postage/workshop	17.24
Pluhar, Stephanie	minute taker	179.28
Postmaster of Grafton	postage	86.30
Quill Corporation	supplies	49.13
Staples	supplies	46.76
The Country Chronicle	ad	75.00
UVLSRPC	reference books	80.00
Valley News	ads	51.76
	TOTAL	$ 809.47

PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL

Morrill, Arthur	appraisals	1,710.00
	TOTAL	$ 1,710.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Gove, Mary L	Old Home Day exp.	8.00
	TOTAL	$ 8.00

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Burrington, June	salary	$ 3,000.00
Dugan, Donna	expenses	14.88
Dugan, Donna	salary	2,370.00
Dugan, Donna	fees	7,473.00
Gleason, Judith	wages	300.00
Grafton Cty Reg. Deeds	record fees	472.98
Kelley, Eleanor	wages	300.00
Mascoma Savings Bank	supplies	19.75
McBee Systems	supplies	523.12
NHMA	subscription	24.00
Normandie, Lee	computer service	211.25
Postmaster of Grafton	postage	811.50
Sawyer, Elaine	wages	300.00
Trustees-Trust Funds	bank charge	20.00
US Postal Service	stamped envelopes	541.40
Your Hometown Messenger	ad	28.00
	TOTAL	$16,409.88

HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENSE

Airgas Northeast	contract, supplies	$ 289.71
AT&T	phone	75.91
Attest Nat'l Drug Test	drug test	50.00
Bailey Brothers	parts	31.95
Beckford Welding	repairs	250.00
Bell Atlantic/Nynex	phone	525.76
Brownies Auto Parts	parts	658.10
Canaan Hardware	supplies	509.96
Choice Point	drug testing	50.00
Community Care Center	drug testing	84.00
Donbeck Sales	parts	1,575.15
Don's Sport & Power	parts, chain saw	782.45
Fire Security Services	update fire ext.	58.00
Grappone Industrial	parts	1,985.99
HP Fairfield, Inc	plow blades, motor	1,813.64
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	repairs	1,103.70
Hirsch's	safety shoes	400.00
Joe's Equipment Service	repairs	26.35
Kibby Equipment Inc	parts	158.05
NHMTA Services, Inc	drug program	50.00
NH Mun.Truck Equipm't	parts	534.59
Northern Petroleum	supplies	812.64
Pinpoint	supplies	181.23
Public Service Co. of NH	electric	1,033.24
Rogers, Les	replace windshield	256.88
R.P. Johnson & Son	supplies	522.76
Sabil & Sons Inc	parts	1,771.06
S.G. Reed Truck Services	repairs	10,079.08
Shaker Valley Auto Parts	parts	583.14
Staples	supplies	3.29
The Over Door Co.	doors	2,640.00
Townline Equipment, Inc.	parts	173.88
Treasurer, State of NH	signs/plate	89.99
V.H. McDow & Son Salvage	steering column	185.00
Wilson Tire	tires	1,532.30
Your Hometown Messenger	ad	19.25
	TOTAL	$30,897.05

FIRE DEPARTMENT

AT&T	phone	$ 68.26
Baker, Peter	reimb. supplies	75.32
Bell Atlantic/Nynex	phone	294.17
Bergeron Associates	gear	890.17
Brownie's Auto Parts	supplies	113.13
B & R's Garage	repairs	308.71
Canaan Hardware	supplies	19.86
Dingee Machine Co	parts	695.00
Esersky's Hdw & Plumbing	reimb. postage	29.36
Evan's Motor Fuel	diesel	27.00
Fire Security Services	update fire ext.	24.00
Frank's Services	undercoating	50.00
Grafton General Store	gas	229.14
Hanover, Town of	dispatch, fee	791.18
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	gas	117.55
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	repairs	262.00
Irving Oil	oil, repairs	592.08
Kibby's Equipment	parts	53.00
Northeast Mountain Radio	radios/pagers	1,672.00
Northern State Tire	repairs, tire	344.00
Ossipee Mountain Elec.	repairs	234.33
Phillip W. Noyes Company	air packs/service	4,589.35
Postmaster of Grafton	postage	12.00
Public Service Co of NH	electric	1,062.74
PUFCO	supplies	123.90
RP Johnson & Son	supplies	84.97
The Fire Barn	supplies	550.96
TriState Fire Protection	supplies	80.40
	TOTAL	$13,394.58

FOREST FIRE SERVICES

Baker, Peter	training	$ 36.68
Cushing, Kenneth	training	66.98
Gove, Paul	training/expenses	405.78
Jalbert, Paul	training	36.68
Kenyon, Merle	training	36.68
PUFCO	foam	247.80
Williams, Richard	training	36.68
	TOTAL	$ 867.28

DRY HYDRANT

Grafton County Reg/Deeds	record easements	$ 36.32
Heiman Fire Equipment	supplies	1,446.85
NHDES Wetlands Board	permits	150.00
Red Hed Supply Inc	supplies	592.45
Williams, Christopher	reimb. Postage	38.78
	TOTAL	$ 2,264.40

EXECUTIVE

AT&T	phone	83.11
Bell Atlantic/Nynex	phone	654.78
Burrington, Scott	salary	2,000.00
Campbell, Dorothy	salary	2,000.00
Conley, Marguerite	supervisor/checklist	40.00
Gallup, Louise	Ballot Clerk	50.00
G.Neil Company	supplies	18.35
Grafton Cty Reg. Deeds	recording fees	158.06
Haubrich, Bonnie	salary/town report	1,325.25
Huntley, Anna	supervisor/checklist	128.15
IXON Office Solutions	copier contract	616.54
Johnson, Robert	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Kelley, Eleanor	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Kopy King	supplies	86.00
Lexis Law Publishing	RSA updates	384.18
Neufell, Frank	salary	2,000.00
NHMA	ref books	22.00
Normandie, Lee	computer services	457.50
Pierson, Sandi	clerk services	1,168.00
Postmaster of Grafton	postage	694.15
Quill Corporation	supplies	130.31
Richard, Mary	Ballot Clerk	50.00
Staples	supplies	37.01
Staples	ballots	231.27
Stiles, Betty	salary	11,937.91
Stiles, Betty	supervisor/checklist	106.95
Stiles, Betty	postage, supplies	11.62
The Country Chronicle	ads	72.00
Treasurer, State of NH	supplies	10.00
TMS Office Machines	repairs	211.00
Tuttle, Pearl	supervisor/checklist	117.68
US Postal Service	stamped envelopes	362.00
UVLSRPC	reference book	45.00
Valley News	ads	33.36
Warner, Thomas	Moderator	120.00
Your Hometown Messenger	ads	185.50
	TOTAL	$25,647.68

CEMETERIES

Babiarz, John	reimb/seed/equip.	$ 17.08
Canaan Hardware	supplies	13.00
Gallup, Terry	reimb/gas/filter	4.00
Gallup, Terry	wages	784.25
Hewitt's Grafton Garage	gas	6.30
RP Johnson & Son	supplies	39.38
Sliker, Glen	reimb/gas	68.69
Sliker, Glen	wages	1,897.02
	TOTAL	$2,829.72

ELECTION, REGISTRATION, TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk:

All Service Locksmith	desk lock	$ 46.55
AT&T	phone	44.17
Bell Atlantic	phone	600.14
CPI	supplies	77.83
Country Chronicle	ads	60.00
DOA, Market & Foods	dog/fees	319.00
Dugan, Donna	assistant	152.50
McDow, Mary	salary	2,350.00
McDow, Mary	fees	4,498.00
McDow, Mary	reimb/mileage	55.35
McDow, Mary	reimb/supplies	134.26
Nat'l Market Reports	ref. material	49.50
NHMA	workshop	30.00
Pierson, Sandi	minute taker	72.00
Postmaster of Grafton	postage	116.00
O'Reilly, Maureen	reimb/supplies	27.78
O'Reilly, Maureen	fees	1,099.00
Ramspott, Betty	workshop	40.00
Stark & Son Machinery	dog tags & forms.	75.40
Treasurer, State of NH	vital statistics	190.00
Treasurer, State of NH	ref.bk,seal	50.50
Treasurer, State of NH	dog fees	24.00
The Grand Summit Resort	conference	298.00
Your Hometown Messenger	ads	66.50
	TOTAL	$10,476.48

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Trustees of the Trust Funds	45,000.00

COUNTY TAX

Grafton County Treasurer	83,060.00

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

Mascoma Savings Bank	400,000.00

INTEREST ON LOAN

Mascoma Savings Bank	25,130.95

TAX LIEN

Grafton Tax Collector	154,136.90

PERPETUAL CARE

Trustees of the Trust Funds	150.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH	4,175.00

STATE ELECTION

Bowen, Charlene	supervisor of checklist	41.20
Campbell, Allan	ballot clerk	100.00
Conley, Marguerite	supervisor of checklist	66.95
CPI	supplies	28.88
Gallup, Louise	ballot clerk	100.00
Haubrich, Bonnie	supervisor of checklist	120.43
Haubrich, Bonnie	moderator	60.00
Huntley, Anna	supervisor of checklist	20.60
Johnson, Robert	ballot clerk	50.00
Johnston, Della	ballot clerk	50.00
Kelley, Eleanor	ballot clerk	50.00
McDow, Mary	election official	100.00
Normandie, Lee	checklists	15.00
Stiles, Betty	supervisor of checklist	115.88
The Country Chronicle	ads	40.00
Tuttle, Pearl	supervisor of checklist	10.47
Warner, Thomas	moderator	60.00
Williams, Richard	supervisor of checklist	81.80
Wilson, Jessie	ballot clerk	50.00
Your Hometown Messenger	ads	56.00
	TOTAL	$ 1,217.21

SELECTMEN'S REPORT
1998

In 1998 the Selectmen's office dealt with the following issues.

The federal CDBG housing rehabilitation fund was officially closed out and we are happy to report that a total of 18 houses were improved with $283,400.00 in federal grant funding.

The Town sold at public auction 19 parcels of land that was either taken for tax deed or had been found to be unknown lots. This sale brought $19,433.13 back to the general fund and placed the properties back on the tax rolls.

On January 7, 8, and 9, 1998 the town experienced an ice storm that caused extensive damage to the town. $34,755 was received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help pay for the cost of the clean up, and we are expecting another reimbursement check to help cover the cost of the contractor that cleaned the roadsides. We thank the people from the Highway Department along with all the volunteers who worked to get the town roads open and assisted their neighbors.

Due to heavy rains in June and July, the town roads experienced extensive wash outs at seven different locations. The Select Board and the Road Agent worked together to put together a damage report to present to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Town received a check for $23,140 to cover the labor, equipment and material costs involved with repairing the damage.

The Prescott Hill Rd. bridge project was given a final inspection and the project was officially closed. We are still awaiting the final bill and anticipate that additional monies will have to be raised and appropriated in the year 2000 to cover the difference between the estimated costs and the actual costs of the project.

Due to the SAU holding an emergency meeting to vote to raise the school budget, the Town was unable to get the tax rate set as early as usual. This put the town in a peculiar situation, as we were unable to raise enough tax dollars by December 31 to cover the Municipal Loan and we had to extend it for two weeks.

The service that the town hires to print the tax bills had a severe computer problem this year and the tax bills had to be addressed and adjusted by hand. We would like to thank Betty Stiles, Selectmen's Clerk, and June Burrington, Treasurer, for stepping up and getting the job done so the tax bills could be sent out on the day they were scheduled to go out.

In closing the Selectmen wish to thank all the department heads and the volunteers of the town who dedicate themselves to helping the town run smoothly.

Scott Burrington
Dorothy Campbell
Frank Neufell
Selectmen

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Maureen O'Reilly (1-01-98 to 3-23-98)

Motor Vehicle Permits	14,939.00
Titles	84.00
Dog Licenses	37.00
UCCS	279.00
Federal Liens	30.00
Filing Fee	10.00
Recount	30.00
Marriage	90.00
Pole Petitions	60.00
TOTAL	$ 15,559.00

Mary H. McDow (3-23-98 to 12-31-98)

Motor Vehicle Permits	82,714.00
Titles	330.00
Dog Licenses	1,787.50
Dog Penalties	221.00
UCC'S	1,012.32
UCC Postage	1.00
UCC Search	25.00
UCC Attachments	14.00
Marriage Licenses	225.00
Certified Copies	114.00
Pole Petition	30.00
State Primary Reg.	2.00
Municipal Agent Fees	82.00
Total	$ 86,557.82
TOTAL	$102,116.82

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

This past year was a very busy one. I attended the Re-certification Workshop, which allowed Grafton's office to have stickers. This saves time for many, as they don't have to make a trip elsewhere. In September I instituted a monthly mailing of registrations due. This served as a reminder and gave the amount of State and Town fees. I spent time alphabetizing all vital records and placing them in their perspective years.

The State will be supplying the office with a computer. This will include a phone line and the state portion of the registration process program. The program I requested of the townspeople will provide the town portion of the registration process, enabling registration of your vehicle much faster, and more accurately. Vital Statistics is also providing a computer and printer for the preservation and printing of these documents.

A safe was donated to the office, via Cheryl Sullivan, from the Enfield Center Post Office. The safe will provide the town a fire resistant place for all the town vital statistics and record books. Many thanks go out for this generous donation.

I hope that the hours provided were accommodating and I made myself available for those in emergency situations. I enjoy hanging pictures and curtains in hopes of making the office a friendlier atmosphere to visit. It was nice meeting new people and reacquainting with old friends. Thank you for a wonderful year.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary H. McDow, Town Clerk

LIBRARY REPORT

TOTAL CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AND VIDEOS - 1998.

Fiction	981
Non Fiction	265
Magazines	225
Youth	417
Juvenile	576
Videos Luvs Coop	278
Videos Grafton	533

We purchased 150 books and received 38 donated books. We purchased 20 new videos and received 6 donated videos.

We also have available to you a computer, which is equipped with the Internet access, thanks to John Babiarz of Endor Communications. We encourage you to visit; you may be surprised to see what we have to offer. If you do not see what you are looking for just ask, and I will do my best to fill your request.

LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesday 3pm to 5pm & 6:30pm to 8pm
Saturday 10am to 12noon (2nd & 4th Saturday of each month)
Trustees meetings are 2nd Thursday of each month
You are encouraged to attend.

Mary L. Gove
Librarian

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand	368.79
Interest from Library CD	700.00
Transfer from Library Saving Account	700.00
Interest from Burnham CD	2,611.10
Interest '98 Ruth Lethard Account	51.41
Interest '98 Barney Flanders Account	56.94
Donation for Childrens' Books	50.00
Reimbursement for broken Video	18.00
Book Fines	25.85
Video Fines	24.45
Book Sale (old books)	11.25
TOTAL Receipts & Balance	**4,617.79**
LESS EXPENDITURES	**(2,239.43)**
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/98	**$2,378.36**

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

EXPENDITURES

Books	1,560.40
Magazines	146.79
Videos	81.93
Supplies	114.95
Postage	55.40
Vacuum, (bags, phone cord)	104.96
LUV Coop Membership	100.00
Deborah Hazelton bookkeeping	75.00
TOTAL	$ 2,239.43

MASCOMA CERTIFICATE #386009030

Burnham Fund

1/1/98	$25,356.35
Withdrew Interest	(2,611.10)
1998 Interest	1,271.39
	$24,016.64

MASCOMA CERTIFICATE #382010346

1/1/98	$ 3,835.55
Withdrew Interest	(700.00)
1998 Interest	181.54
	3,317.09

MASCOMA SAVINGS ACCOUNT #900047711

1/1/98	$ 1,085.66
Withdraw to Checking	(700.00)
1998 Interest	13.15
	$ 398.81

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah Hazelton
Library Trustee/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

1998 was a very good year for the General Assistance office. There were nineteen general assistance clients. This office took care of nine clients. This assistance took the form of helping with evictions, rent security vouchers, food and medicine vouchers, fuel and electric bills. Ten clients were referred to other agencies by the General Assistance office, thus saving town funds. Several clients who applied did not qualify through this office according to our guidelines. Due to changes in state and government regulations, 1999 will not be as good. Because of these changes, the town will have to give assistance that those agencies now disallow.

Several liens were also recorded in 1998. As always the unused portion of the general assistance monies will be returned to the general fund.

Many **"Thanks"** to the Grafton Post Office for the 267 items of food donated to the food pantry.

Respectfully Submitted
Marian Morse
Welfare Director

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

1998 provided educational opportunities for new and long-standing board members alike, each having demonstrated their commitment to their positions in devoting much personal time attending both the planning conferences conducted by the office of State Planning (OSP) and the law lecture series offered by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. These informational workshops provided training that will assist the board towards reaching its 1999 goal of updating both our subdivision regulations (adopted 1979) and the Town Master plan (adopted 1987) to meet compliance with state statutes.

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has proven to be a great asset in moving the Board forward, providing both forms for the voluntary merger of lots and an OSP recommended handbook on subdivision and site plan review. In April, Vicki Smith, UVLSRPC's Executive Director, attended a board meeting to formally present recommended amendments to our subdivision regulations. Most were necessary due to changes in state statutes since our regulations were adopted. Many involved procedures to which our regulations presently do not conform.

A productive meeting, Ms. Smith introduced Robert Link, representing the Upper Valley Land Trust, who with Ms. Smith presented a map of existing state and privately held conservation lands in Grafton, and outlined a current state initiative to assist towns in preserving cultural and natural resources through the establishment of the "New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Commission". Encouraged by both presenters the board compiled a natural and cultural resource inventory submitting it to the UVLSRPC in May as part of its regional directive.

In 1987, recognizing how vulnerable the town was in several areas the planning board prepared with the help from our town attorney land use ordinances aimed at protecting the town from unchecked increases in town services that would have resulted in substantial rises in our tax rate. Presented to the town in press releases, special mailing, hearings, and in the town report all twelve ordinances were adopted at the 1988 town meeting.

Two of these approved ordinances were the Building Notification Ordinance and the Critical Resource Protection Ordinance, appearing on the 1988 town warrants as articles #24 and #25.

Article #24 superseded the building notification ordinance adopted at the 1980 town meeting with a stronger ordinance that protects Grafton's water supply, including lakes, ponds, and streams, from illegal sewage discharge. It also prohibits a house being built on an unmaintained road, which prevents the town from being forced later to upgrade the road at taxpayer's expense.

Identifying that flood plains, wetlands and water recharge areas are more sensitive to sewage pollution and require further review than what the building notification ordinance provides the town approved Article #25, adopting the critical resource protection ordinance that recognizes that pressures on these areas affect us all.

The needs for, and the benefits of, both ordinances remains just as vital to stabilizing our tax rate and protecting our water resources as they did when proposed and adopted in 1988. On this year's town warrant two petitioned articles appear seeking to abolish these ordinances. The Planning Board strongly supports keeping both the building notification ordinance and the critical resource protection ordinance in place.

Over the past two years the New Hampshire Department of Transportation has conducted public information meetings to present proposed alterations to US Route 4 involving the removal of the RR overpass. This January state officials held a public hearing to present the final proposal which addressed the concerns expressed by attendees of prior meetings. This proposal included replacement of the bridge carrying US Route 4 over Tewksbury Brook, approach work at Tunnel Road, alterations to Route 4 East and West of the overpass, and relocation of the recreational trail so that it passes under Route 4. This project is tentatively scheduled to begin in the year 2000.

In September the board hired a clerk as it has in the past, to record our meetings and post minutes. Having a clerk goes a long way in assisting the board towards its required administrative duties. Her presence is invaluable as the board strives to reach its 1999 goals: working towards revising existing forms and procedures that will expedite the review process for all applicants.

In Appreciation
Gretchen Renee
Chair Person

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L: 17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws in the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.
There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs, as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If youhave any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local Fire Warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY	
Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12
TOTAL FIRES	798
TOTAL ACRES	442.86

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use	24
Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT GRAFTON 1998

Permits were issued for the following: Brush, Camp, Cooking and Incinerators

Warren Paul C. Gove	168
Deputy Warren Merle Kenyon	22
Deputy Warren Ken Cushing	12

Anyone needing a permit can contact one of the above.

Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger
Paul C. Gove, Forest Fire Warden

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

In 1998 we had a few changes take place at our construction debris. We have to keep the following items out of the construction container: porcelain sinks, toilets, cement blocks, bricks, any kind of cement products. These are now put into a new area.

When using the Recycling Center remember everything has a proper spot! When items are put in the wrong areas it can cost you the taxpayer more money. So if you don't know just ask.

During the year you heard or read the question. Is recycling worth the effort? The answer is Yes. We need to protect our natural resources, before we deplete them. Don't forget the three R's.

Reduce Reuse Recycle

We are currently trying to get our glass granulated so we can reuse it in our roadways.

During the first part of the year we lost our market for magazines, writing paper cereal boxes etc, which resulted in a large increase into our trash compactor weight and therefore our cost. We are exploring ways to hopefully get this back again.

I would like to close with saying thanks to the recycling center employees Wes Joyce and Scott Smith. Also to someone who is always volunteering his time to help, no matter how big or small the task. Thank you, Stu Downs.

Recycling Center Manager
Ed Grinley

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1998

The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department is presently made up of 17 men and 4 women. There are 7 men and 2 women who are certified by the State of New Hampshire to Level I Fire Fighting standards. The Fire Department members continue to train in many different aspects of fire fighting and in using the apparatus and equipment. This year 8 members of the Fire Department also participated in a 16-hour Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course along with members of the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

Major repairs were done to the 1974 Ford (known as Engine 11, which is our newest truck), including the water tank, which was replaced with a new poly tank for $7900. When the old tank was removed the chassis was found to be in great disrepair and unforeseen repairs were required. The repairs were unavoidable and were completed before the tank could be replaced. While bringing the truck back to Grafton the brakes were faulty and it had to be taken to B & R for yet further repairs. It should be noted that in 1994 repairs to Engine 11 were approximately $3,500. in 1995 $10,257., in 1996 $5,400., in 1997 $657., and in 1998 $9,070., of Town monies, not inclusive of the repairs that the Grafton Ladies Auxiliary have paid for. We have been informed that the life expectancy for this truck is probably at the most 5 years. Rural areas such as Grafton rely on volunteers and emergency vehicles and equipment; therefore it is inevitable that we must seriously consider the purchase of a new fire truck. It is not economically sound to put further repairs and money into these old, outdated vehicles and safety issues should be considered. The trucks have served us well, but it is necessary to start replacing these vehicles. The Town of Grafton has not ever purchased a truck for the Town. The 3 vehicles owned by the Fire Department were purchased through fund raising efforts of the Fire Department members.

The Fire Department is also in the process of installing 3 dry hydrants in Town. The permits for 2 of these sites have been received and we are waiting for the final approval on the 3rd site from the State of New Hampshire. The materials have been purchased and ground breaking will take place in the early spring.

The Grafton Volunteer Fire Department members wish to also thank everyone in the community for the support you have shown over the past 2 years. It is always greatly appreciated.

The Fire Department can always use new members. If you are interested in becoming a member or have Fire Department questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact
Peter Baker, Chief at 523-9293.

Ambulance Assists	6	Mutual Aid	3
Automobile Accidents	5	Mutual Aid Structure Fire	2
Brush Fires	4	Other	6
Carbon Monoxide Calls	2	Structure Fires	5
Chimney Fires	3	Wires Down	2

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

1998 was a busy year for the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance Service. There were 24 trauma calls, 42 medical calls, 8 calls for assistance with no transport, and 3 structure fires. Structure fires can be extremely demanding on equipment and personnel. The ambulance crew not only cares for any immediate needs to the occupants of the structure, but to the needs of Grafton's and mutual aid firefighters who may become injured, dehydrated, or suffer from other conditions they are at risk for when fighting a fire. We assisted on calls to Danbury and Canaan, and received mutual aid from them, as well.

We now have 15 members in our department, We have nine certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)-Basic, two EMT-intermediates (Advanced level EMT), and two First Responders. Four members are completing the process of becoming re-certified, one is completing their First Responder training and one member has successfully completed her Intermediate training and is awaiting her paperwork.

Members attended training in many areas of emergency care and participated in a disaster drill held at the Lebanon Airport. We were able to send members to training locally by inviting a speaker to give a lecture on medical terminology, attending a weekend long auto extrication class in Danbury NH. and sponsoring an Emergency Vehicle Operator's course held here in Grafton. Members of the ambulance, fire department, and police department all participated in this 16-hour Department of Transportation program. We now have training and equipment to perform endotracheal intubation in the field, a skill once reserved for physicians and paramedics. We hope to have more members trained in this advanced airway technique as they advance in their levels of certification. This, along with early recognition, early CPR and early defibrillation, all help to increase the patient's chance of survival. With this in mind, the ambulance held a CPR course this summer, which was offered free to the public. We would like to offer this again, so please call the station at 523-7500 and leave your name and number so we can contact you when the next class is available. Anyone can come and participate.

We had the opportunity to entertain students from the Canaan Christian School with an explanation of the duties of an Emergency Medical Technician and a tour of the ambulance.

We were fortunate to be accepted into the 'Adopt-A-Squad" Program sponsored by the CHAD-Kiwanis Club Pediatric Trauma Care Center for our commitment to training our members in the specialized field of pediatric trauma care. We were presented with two Broselow-Hinckle pediatric management bags at a small ceremony held at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

We were also the recipients, through the efforts of Sandi Pierson of Grafton, of an equipment grant through the University of New Hampshire in Durham. We were able to obtain two oxygen delivery bags with this grant. Thanks for your help, Sandi!

We have had to make some purchases and adjustments in our supplies to provide as safe of an environment as possible for our responders and patients. We have been working on creating a latex free environment due to the increase in sensitivity among the population to latex products. We purchased four protective suits for responders to cover themselves with to protect them from blood borne pathogens and other hazards. They are flame and rip resistant and provide a professional appearance and identification to the patients and their families. We hope to purchase additional suits in the coming year to guarantee protection to all of our members.

We would like to thank all the townspeople for their support and donations made throughout the year. When contributions are received in memory of someone's loved one, or following a call, we know this is being done with much thought and generosity during a very difficult time and appreciate your gesture of thanks. These donations are sent to the "Grafton Ambulance Fund" to be deposited and our use. Thanks to Dennis Poitrast for the use of his engraver to identify our new equipment. Thank-you to the Grafton Fire Association for help with the purchase of continuing education coupons and the Grafton Ladies Auxiliary.

We would especially like to thank the Grafton Fire Department and the Grafton Police Department for their assistance-on many of our calls. It has been a pleasure to work with these departments for the health and safety of our town.

We have recommended, to the town select board and budget committee that consideration be made towards planning for a new ambulance in the future. This is based on common practices of other EMS departments, researching of costs, and past experiences. They have placed an article on the warrant suggesting that the town start a capital reserve fund for this purpose. It would be wise for us to start planning now so we can be prepared for the time when a replacement vehicle will be the best choice for the town's safety.

In closing, it is a privilege to work with a group of highly dedicated and compassionate volunteers. Despite the expected peaks and valleys of involvement due to life in general, some of our members have ten or more years invested in serving the sick and injured, serving as mentors for new members, increasing their level of training, and striving to provide the best care possible. We are looking forward to a productive year and will continue to provide the highest level of care achievable in the pre-hospital setting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen M. Crawford,
NREMT-1, EMS I/C
Captain

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery department started the year by cleaning up the grounds from the January ice storm. Several large trees lost limbs, requiring an extensive amount of clean up. Fortunately, no monument stones were damaged.

Trustee Robert Bassett and his wife Gerry finished putting up and staining the white picket fence at Pine Grove. Their volunteer effort helped in restoring the original look of the cemetery. The prior fence was made of pine, which lasted for 30 years. The new fence is made of cedar, and we expect a life of 30 years or better.

Trustee John Babiarz continues to volunteer to fill in gravesites and depressions in the cemeteries. The town highway department delivered several yards of topsoil to all the cemeteries. This topsoil will be used for filling additional depressions in the near future.

Trustee Web Sliker and Terry Gallup have done an excellent job in ground maintenance. Their dedication and hard work has made a difference in the look of our cemeteries.

Cemetery work is hard work. The trustees and workers appreciate all the positive comments that were given by the various visitors to the cemetery. Volunteers and we the trustees workers, are proud of our cemeteries, they are a reminder of the past people who made this town we call Grafton.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered time in the cemeteries in 1998. With your help, we made vast improvements in the long-term conditions of the cemetery.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT 1998

	Expended	Balance
Checkbook as of 1-JAN-1998		2,348.16
Payroll	852.68	
Mascoma Payroll Taxes	239.17	
As of December 31, 1998		$1,256.31

Respectfully Submitted,
John Babiarz, Web Sliker, Bob Bassett

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT FOR 1998

A major ice storm kept the road crew busy for the start of the New Year. Freezing rain started on 1/6/98 and continued to 1/9/98 with many trees broken from thick ice and closing roads. On 1/11/98 volunteers from southern New Hampshire fire departments worked with the highway crew to clear roads blocked by trees. These roads included Wild Meadow Road, Kinsman Highway, Hardy Hill Road, Grafton Pond Road, Height of Land Road, Riddle Hill Road, and others that had only minor damage. The cleanup of this storm was contracted out so the highway crew could go on with their work.

Sanding, plowing, and winging back roads kept us busy for the remainder of the winter. Spring thaw came and the road crew had plenty of mud to contend with. We graveled, with bank run or crush, many of the roads in town.

A right of way clear cut was done on Grafton Pond Road, and Hardy Hill Road by Jim Emmerson and the crew at no cost to the town. The highway department hopes to start future stumping and widening in 1999.

Road projects were done on Kinsman Highway and Height of Land Road. This consisted of cutting trees, grubbing, replacing culverts and graveling Kinsman Highway was done from Stoner residence to Dean Neufell's residence where ice would be a problem in the winter. Height of Land Road project was done below Powell Road and above Del'Etoile Road.

Paving was done at the end of May while Blaktop, Inc. was in town to put the topcoat on the new Prescott Hill Bridge. We did a shim coat on Wild Meadow Road from French Hill Road to the end of the tar, and put the two-inch base coat on Slab City Road. Slab City Road will be top coated in 1999 and completed.

Crushing of gravel was done again this year at the town rented pit. Five thousand yards of bank run gravel was crushed by Rumney Sand & Gravel. Much of this was put on many of the town roads.

Regular summer road maintenance was done throughout the year. This included grading, raking, gravelling, cleaning culverts, picking rocks, and sweeping tar roads.

Mowing roadsides was started but the weather got to cold to finish. Winter sand was hauled and stock piled. Plow frames and sanders were installed and winter salt was delivered. We also built a fuel shed and put up a tank for liquid calcium chloride for summer dust control. We also worked at the Recycling Center, plowed the Fire Station and Town Office, took care of complaints, did driveway permits and went to meetings.

I would like to thank my crew and all the people for their support through the year.

Respectfully Submitted
Robert J. Bassett
Road Agent

GRAFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1998 ANNUAL REPORT
MEDICAL FIRE POLICE EMERGENCY DIAL 911

In 1998 our training was somewhat restricted due to budget restraints and the lack of available grants. Therefore the department was unable to attend the New England Conference on Community Policing and also the statewide workshop on Domestic Violence. We were able to participate in an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course with the other emergency services in town and also completed a basic Police Prosecutor course along with other training from the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council.

For the third year in a row the department participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. We would like to thank all of the pledges for their help and hope to have an even bigger turnout this year.

Dogs continue to be a problem. If you own a dog it must have a current rabies vaccination and if it is over 4-months old it must be registered with the Town Clerk in April of every year. Dogs are required to be under the owner's control at all times. In 1998 we had a large increase in the number of abandoned animals which became the Town's responsibility.

The department was very fortunate to obtain a grant for a new Computer system. We are hoping to have it fully functioning by the spring of 1999.

We at the police department would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance throughout 1998. We would like to encourage people to report any unusual activity that they might observe. The members of the community continue to be our greatest asset.

Sincerely:
Merle A. Kenyon
Chief of Police

YEAR-END POLICE ACTIVITY SHEET 1998

COMPLAINTS

Directed Patrol	198
Ambulance/Fire Assist	55
Welfare Check--	9
Juvenile Complaints	20
911 Hang Ups	9
House Check	93
Animal Complaints	96
Message Delivery-	35
Missing Persons	12
Assist other Departments	102
Suspicious Person/Activity/Vehicle	38
Vehicles towed	5
Road Hazard/Utility Problem	35
Domestic	66
Noise Complaints	6
Assault	9
B&E/Thefts	18
Criminal Trespass/Mischief	24
Arrests	10
MV Accidents	31
MV Complaints	7
MV Summonses/Warnings	94
Disabled Vehicles	25
Alarms Answered	5
Civil Matters	41
Police Community Relations	92
Bad checks	4
Follow Up/Investigations	88
General	38
Papers Served	25
Total	1,290

Jeep Mileage	16,850
Total man-hours	3,106

GRAFTON RECREATION COMMITTEE
1998

Due to a lack of Committee members 1998 got off to a slow start, but once the vacancies were filled the Committee took off running. The usual time frame for pulling the July Celebration together starts in January and involves much planning and organizing and since this Committee did not form and start to meet until May, it meant working harder, meeting more often and making each month count. All of the Committee members brought new activities to the day's agenda and new and old volunteers helped pull it all together. Although the weather was not a d y filled with blue skies and sunshine everyone had a great time and the evening air was filled with music and laughter and, when time, the skies were [it with the best fireworks display in New Hampshire. This was all possible due to the hard work and dedication of the Committee members and volunteers.

The annual Bike-A-Thon was held in the spring with a very poor attendance. It was felt to be related to multiple events being held in the area, but this meant the July Celebration was now about $800. short of anticipated income to pay for the day's expenses. Catherine Mulholland pounded the pavement in the area towns to raise advertising money and did an excellent job, not only raising the missing income, but also collecting items for a raffle to raise additional funds. These items were raffled off on Old Home Day where Recreation Committee members Cynthia Senecal and Matt Nichols shared a tent with the Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department members, selling homemade donuts and hats and Rosalie Babiarz scurried to sell the raffle tickets.

In October a group of volunteers came together to replace the horse rink at the back of the Recreation Field in hopes of returning the yearly horse shows held here in the past. The rink is in place and will be painted in the spring of '99.

Halloween quickly approached and once again the Recreation Committee felt the need for some new activities. It was decided to have the traditional Halloween party with games and refreshments and to finish the day with the 1st Annual Jack-O-Lantern Contest on the Church Common. Children and adults were encouraged to join in. Blue Mint Farm lent a truck for a hay ride and Greg, Carol and Angela Fellers and friends were our chauffeurs and helpers, taking all from the Town Hall to the Common where our Jack-O-Lanterns were placed, candies lit and the Honorable Judges John and Janet Sullivan and Matt Nichols judged a total of 33 Jack-O-Lanterns. A great response for the first year.

Christmas was now here. Although we had a very small response a great time was had. Santa was present, gifts given, stories read, songs sung and games played.

The Committee has set goals for 1999 including recreation field improvements and repairs, a family Walk-A-Thon, a town wide scavenger hunt, a Time Capsule for the year end plus our usual activities.

We, the Grafton Recreation Committee, would like to thank all of those who have donated time, support or materials. Also to the young people who helped with cleanup and keeping the vandalism down this year on the Recreation Field, I thank them. I would like to thank each of the Recreation Committee members for their staunch support and their commitment to the Town of Grafton.

Bonnie J. Haubrich, Chairman

FRIENDS OF THE GRAFTON COMMUNITY BUILDING

Friends of the Grafton Community Building is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, whose sole purpose is to raise the money needed to build a Community Center here in Grafton, which can serve as a focus of supervised and safe activities for our children and youth. Plans for the building so far include a basketball recreation/entertainment room. The Judo program will also be moved into this building.

So far, we have had one major fundraiser. We had the Grafton Fall Fun Festival in September of last year, and we sold raffle tickets, food, flea market items, and had car demolitions at three other fundraisers.

After the building is completed, we plan to turn the building over to the Grafton Board of Selectmen.

GRAFTON LADIES AUXILIARY
1998

The Grafton Ladies Auxiliary is a private, self-sufficient organization whose purpose is to support the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance services of Grafton. That support comes in different forms such as purchasing much needed supplies and equipment, providing food, hot and cold drinks at the fire scenes, sponsoring a yearly Fire Warden supper for other New Hampshire Fire Wardens, the yearly Firemen's Supper (with the volunteer firemen helping serve the food) and supplying refreshments at various fire and ambulance training sessions.

1998 was again a very busy year for the members. The year started out with putting together the Telephone Directory, which went out in mid March. The Directory is printed by the Mascoma Regional High School Technology class under the direction and assistance of Dan Huntley.

The monthly breakfasts sponsored by the Auxiliary with the help of Fire Department members ran from May through October. The special "buy 4 get 1 free" coupons brought back familiar faces each month (along with the good food and company).

The Auxiliary and the Fire Department members sponsored the "cook shack" as they had in previous years at the July celebration. Although a lot of work, it was agreed by all there was a true team spirit in the tent that day.

On Old Home Day in August the team of Auxiliary and Fire Department members once again joined forces to cook hamburgers and hot dogs on the Common. The day was a sell out!

The Auxiliary invited the Grafton Sullivan Forest Fire Warden's Association to the Fire Station in April and served a roasted turkey dinner with all the fixings.

Louise Gallup spearheaded 2 rummage sales to benefit the Auxiliary, one in May and one in October.

The Auxiliary with the Fire Department held 2 special events for the members of the Auxiliary, Fire Department and Ambulance Service, the first being a "pot luck" in the spring and the second a Christmas Party held in December. Santa Claus arrived in a Fire Engine with the Fire Chief and gave out presents to all the children. Families brought a food item in lieu of gift swapping and a Christmas basket was put together and delivered to a needy family in Grafton.

The purchases for the year included 2 pagers, 4 buckets of fire fighting foam, car wash soap, paint and primer for the Fire Station, coffee cravats, cooler, storage containers and refreshments for the fire scenes, coffee and paper goods for the Fire Station, hose nozzle (1/2 paid for by the Auxiliary and 1/2 paid for by the Grafton Vol. Fire Association), a Safety Tag system, and a new mobile radio which was installed in the Fire Chief's private vehicle.

New members are always welcome--come join a group dedicated to supporting our Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Squad.

Bonnie J. Haubrich
Secretary

UV LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1998 Annual Report

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary organization of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, and grantmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections, the nomination of the Cold River to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, and the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In 1998, our work specifically for the Town of Grafton included:

- Attended NHDOT sponsored hearing regarding the railroad bridge removal and realignment project of US Route 4.
- Reviewed and provided extensive comments on 1979 Subdivision Regulations
- Discussed approaches to updating the Town Master Plan.
- Provided map of the town's stratified drift aquifers.
- Participated in natural resource workshop series for local officials in Grafton County sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension. Discussed GIS data and services available for natural resource inventories and regulatory techniques for land protection.
- Met with Planning Board to discuss approaches to updating the Town Master Plan and subdivision regulations.
- Sent copy of voluntary merger of lots of record form.
- Provided copy of Planning Board Procedures book and model regulations book.
- Worked with local groups in town to prepare a list of important natural and cultural resources which was submitted to the NH Land and Cultural Heritage Commission.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Grafton in the coming year.

REPORT TO THE TOWNS AND CITIES IN DISTRICT ONE
By Councilor Ray Burton

As one of your elected officials, I am honored to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. This five member elected body acts much like a board of directors of your New Hampshire State Government in the Executive Branch.

In my twentieth year representing this District with 98 towns and four cities, there are many changes I've seen and been a part of in the past. My focus in this report to you is toward the future and some suggestions on how you as citizens might be encouraged to participate in the future.

The following are some ideas and suggestions. The Governor and Council have a constitutional and lawful duty to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteer citizens. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these volunteer posts, please send me your resume at the State House and I'll see that it is passed on to Kathy Goode, Governor Shaheen's liaison to the Executive Council, or you may wish to send them directly to the Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301.

Other resources available to your town/city/county include 10 million dollars ($10,000,000) through the Community Development Block Grant program at the Office of State Planning. Call Jeff Taylor at 271-2155 to see if your town or area qualifies.

Annually there is available some 10 million dollars ($10,000,000) available through the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office for innovative programs for drug and law enforcement, stress programs dealing with youth at risk, assistance to victims, and special programs for victims of domestic violence. For information call Mark Thompson at 271-3658.

Communities may request assistance through the NH National Guard Army, General John Blair's office, for services such as a Drug Detection Dog, Community Presentations on Drug Demand Education, and Career Direction Workshops. Telephone number is 225-1200.

The Office of Emergency Management at telephone number 1-800-852-3792 is the proper place to call when an emergency develops in your area such as floods, high winds, oil spills and ice jams.

State and Federal surplus items may be purchased at minimum cost. Call Art Haeussler at 271-2602 for a list and newsletter.

At New Hampshire Correctional Industries there are many products and services of use to towns, cities and counties. These include street signs, vehicle decals, printing, car repair, furniture and data entry services, including web page development. Call Peter McDonald at 271-1875.

People and businesses looking for work, vocational rehabilitation or job-training programs should call NH Employment Security at 1-800-852-3400.

NH Department of Environmental Services has available 20% grants for water/waste water projects and landfill closure projects, revolving loans for water/waste water and landfill closure, and also money for Household Waste Collection days. Call 271-2905. State Revolving Loans has available around 35 to 50 million dollars ($35,000,000 to $50,000,000) per year. For information, call 271-3505.

Oil Funds - There are five petroleum funds which cover: oil spill cleanup and emergency response; reimbursement for cleanup by owners of motor fuel underground and above ground tanks; heating oil facilities (primary homeowners); and motor oil storage facilities (service stations and automobile dealers). For information, call 271-3644. Further, there is a municipal grant fund for construction of used oil collection facilities and operator training. For information call 271-2942.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days - Annual grants to cities and towns for collection of household hazardous waste provide dollar for dollar matching funds up to a total of 50% of the costs incurred. For further information, call 271-2047.

NH Health & Human Services Department has numerous divisions, providing a variety of services and assistance ... mental health, public health, children and youth, etc. All of these may be obtained by calling 1-800-852-3345.

The general phone number can access all of your New Hampshire State Government at 271-1110 and through the State Web Internet http://www.state.nh.us. Your New Hampshire Government is at your service; please call my office anytime I can be of help (271-3632) or e-mail: rburton@gov.state.nh.us)

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION GRAFTON COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

UNH Cooperative Extension is a unique partnership among the Federal, State and County Governments. They provide the funding and support for this major educational outreach component of the University of New Hampshire with an Extension Office in each New Hampshire county and campus-based subject matter specialists who serve the whole state.

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8 AM until 4 PM Monday through Friday.

Our education programs are designed to respond to the local needs of county residents through the direction and support of an advisory council from throughout the county. We are currently focusing our efforts on:

- Dairy and Pasture Management
- Agriculture Profitability and Nutrient Management
- Forest & Wildlife Habitat Management and Stewardship
- Nutrition, Food Safety, Parenting and Family Financial Management
- Positive Youth Development
- Water Quality Education
- Improving Community Decision Making After-School Programs

The Extension Staff works out of the North Haverhill office but we travel to all areas of the county. Information and education are presented through phone calls, farm/office/home/agency visits, the media, workshops and educational series. In addition, volunteers expand our efforts through the Master Gardeners Program, 4H Club/Project/Organizational leaders, Stewardship Coverts and Family Focus Volunteers that teach parenting education. An office staff of three that provide expertise and the front line communication with residents supports our work.

Below are ways residents in the town of Grafton benefited from UNH Cooperative Extension during the past year. Residents completed the Master Gardener program; residents received our bimonthly newsletter Extension Connection; parents received information about their child's development through the Cradle Crier & Toddler Tales newsletters; Grafton has an active 4-H Club and project leaders, public information sessions for elected officials on ice storm damage, response and recovery.

You can reach us: by phone 787-6944; fax 787-2009; email: cepraftonaunhce.unh.edu,; at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web site http://ceinfo.unh.edu.

We see our job to provide residents of Grafton County with the education and information they need to make informed decisions that strengthen youth and families, sustain natural resources and improve the economy.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah B. Maes, Extension Educator and County Office Administrator.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

PO Box 433, Lebanon, NH 03766 603-448-4897 Fax: 603-448-3906

During 1998, 49 older residents of Grafton were able to make use of one GCSCC's services, offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center. These individuals enjoyed 669 balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received 1,435 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 284 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were assisted with problems, crises or issues of long term care through 257 visits by a trained social worker and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 392 hours of volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Grafton residents in 1998 was $17,411.14.

Community-based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Grafton were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, and saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, such support becomes ever more critical.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Grafton community for services, which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

STATISTICS FOR THE TOWN OF GRAFTON

October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 49 Grafton residents out of 131 residents over 60, according to the 1990 Census.

Services	Type of Service	Units of Service	X	Unit(1) Cost of	Total Cost Service
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	2,104	x	$ 5.14	$10,814.56
Transportation	Trips	284	x	$ 7.67	$ 2,178.28
Adult Day Ser.	Hours	94	x	$ 3.86	$ 362.84
Social Services	Half-Hours	257	x	$15.78	$ 4,055.46

Number of Grafton volunteers: 11 Number of Volunteer Hours: 392

GCSCC cost to provide for Grafton residents only	$17,411.14
Request for Senior Services for 1998	$ 1,275.00
Received from Town of Grafton for 1998	$ 1,275.00
Request for Senior Services for 1999	$ 1,313.00

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VT AND NH, INC.

MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF GRAFTON

Continual changes in our nation's health care systems mean that government has placed increased responsibility for patient care with community based agencies, such as our Mascoma Home Health Services Branch. We are very appreciative of the continued support that Town of Grafton provides to help us meet the home care, hospice, and family support service needs of people in your community. We offer services that help your family, friends, and neighbors remain at home during times of illness or injury; we promote community wellness; and we provide important services to families at risk:

- Town funds help provides care for people who require medically necessary services but who are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance.
- Our comprehensive range of services is available to everyone in the community people of all ages and all economic means use our services.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with us to decide on an appropriate course of treatment for each home health or hospice patient.
- Our clinical staff provide skilled services for people recovering from surgery or accidents; who have an acute illness or a disability; who require long-term care; or who need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

Our Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provided the following services in the Town of Grafton during the past year:

	Visits	Hospice VNH	
Nursing	372	Volunteers, families served	3
Physical Therapy	38	Hospice VNH Volunteers, hrs	51
Speech Pathology	2		
Occupational Therapy	11	Family Support Services	9
Home Health Aide	213		
Homemaker	4	WIC Clients	3
TOTAL VISITS	640	WIC Clinic Visits	274

On behalf of people we serve in your community, thanks for your continued confidence.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH
EJD/kdr
Cc: Doris Senter

NH MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

1998 has been a high point of service for NHMA. In terms of Building Community(s) we have built our community of members to include, for the second consecutive year, all 234 of New Hampshire's towns and cities. We trained over 4,000 local officials and employees in workshops, seminars, job site visits and our annual conference.

1998 has been a critical year in terms of public policy in New Hampshire with the December, 1997 Supreme Court decision in the Claremont education suit and the subsequent Claremont II decision on the Governor's ABC proposal. This is a potentially divisive issue for members because under any proposal made in the 1998 legislative session some members "lost" and others "gained". NHMA has tried to keep members informed of the impact on them of each proposal so you could provide input to your legislators. The resolution of this problem just got more complex after the elections earlier this month. Depending on the Court's reaction to plaintiffs' petitions for a remedy and the expected petition for an extension, the 1999 session may see clear alternatives emerge that will require us to call a membership meeting for a vote on an Association position.

This 1998 budget request comes at a time when New Hampshire has the lowest unemployment rate that it has had for a decade, an extremely strong economy and, for the most part, healthy local government financial pictures. Your continued support is very much appreciated and needed more than ever as we head into the tumultuous 1999 session and prepare for the next millennium. If you have questions about NHMA services or want to discuss dues, please feel free to call me at 1-800-852-3358.

Sincerely,
John B. Andrews
Executive Director

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Enclosure (1)
cc: CEO

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BIRTH REPORT

Child'Name	DATE OF BIRTH	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
TUPPER,MORGAN RAE	01/19/1998	LEBANON,NH	TUPPER,DAVID	TUPPER, KAMALA
THERRIEN,DILLON MATTHEW	02/04/1998	FRANKLIN,NH	THERRIEN,MATTHEW	THERRIEN,DESIREE
DOWNING,RIELY JOSEPHINE	02/24/1998	LEBANON,NH	DOWNING,RICHARD	DOWNING,KATHRYN
GIBBS,CODIE DENIS	04/15/1998	LEBANON,NH	GIBBS,PHILLIP	GIBBS,GRETCHEN
STACY,PATRICK WILLIAM	04/29/1998	LEBANON,NH	STACY,JOSEPH	STACY,SARAH
KINNETT,GABRIELLE THERESA	05/08/1998	LEBANON,NH	KINNETT,JAMES	KINNETT,CHRISTINA
BAILEY,ANDREA RAE-ELIZABETH	08/07/1998	LEBANON,NH	BAILEY,LEE	BAILEY,TAMMY
GOSNELL, TIIERSTEN KAREE	11/13/1998	FRANKLIN,NH	GOSNELL,DANIEL JAMES	GOSNELL,NIESSA ANN

MARRIAGE REPORT

NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	PERSON PERFORMING MARRIAGE
DANIEL J. GOSNELL	04/01/1998	GRAFTON,NH	GRAFTON,NH	PASTOR KENNETH LEHMAN
NIESSA ANN BROWN			GRAFTON,NH	
DAVID LEWIS LAHAYE	04/18/1998	CANAAN,NH	GRAFTON,NH	REV.PAT WILLIAMS
LINDA D. JOHNSON			GRAFTON,NH	
NILS ANDERS HANSEN	05/24/1998	CANAAN,NH	MARLBORO,MA	BENJAMIN YAMASHITA
RAYLENE J. INDER			MARLBORO,MA	JUSTICE OF PEACE
TODD A. BARAVALLE	05/23/1998	CANAAN,NH	GRAFTON,NH	REV. PATRICIA WILLIAMS
LORETTA L. MILLER				
ERIC S.STONE	07/04/1998	LEBANON,NH	GRAFTON,NH	REV.RONALD MESSAR
ELAINE L.SEAMANS				
BRUCE ROBERT KNEE	08/01/1998	PORTSMOUTH,NH	GRAFTON,NH	PASTOR FREDERICK T.BENDER
NANCY ANN WILSON				
MARK S. O'BRIEN	08/19/1998	GRAFTON,NH	LOWELL,MA	JENNIE E.JOYCE
RACHEL L. ALBERT				JUSTICE OF PEACE

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DEATH REPORT

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
DUNCAN,RALPH P.	01/18/1998	NEW LONDON,NH	DUNCAN,CECIL	PERKINS,HENRIETTA
SEAMAN,ALAN L	01/25/1998	LEBANON,NH	SEAMANS,HOWARD	HALL,THELMA
SANVILLE,ALBERT H.	05/01/1998	LEBANON,NH	SANVILLE,EDWARD	GRE,EMMA
HUMBERSTONE,CLARENCE	07/08/1998	LEABNON,NH	HUMBERSTONE,WILLIAM	PIKE,HANNAH
MORSE,EDWIN E.	09/02/1998	LEBANON,NH	MORSE,EDWIN	MARTIN,ELIZABETH
TILLSON,LLEWELLYN M.	09/05/1998	LEBANON,NH	TILLSON,HARRY	MEYERS,LEONA
HUNTLEY,ANNA LOUISE	10/07/1998	GRAFTON,NH	CADIGAN.THOMAS F.	LOVERING,CHARLOTTE
WEBSTER,JOHN LEROY	11/06/1998	LEBANON,NH	WEBSTER,CHARLES LEON	MCMAHON,JEAN ELIZA
CLARK,VIRGINIA R.	11/07/1998	GRAFTON,NH	CLARK,EDWARD	FARRINGTON,EDWINA
BELLOIR,GEORGE LESTER JR.	11/30/1998	LEBANON,NH	BELLOIR,SR.,GEORGE LESTER	MORSE,LENNIE

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